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# What's NEWS

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## Her Inability to Reach Hasn't Lessened Her Ability to Grasp

By Arline Aissis Fleming

It was a golden, autumn day, but Martha had the usual college blues: Too much school work, too little time.

She was studying in her apartment near the Rhode Island College campus, but now the stereo is spewing reggae music. The windows are filled with plants which catch the sunlight. The walls are warmed by maps and posters.

Martha puts on her jacket, picks up a knapsack and goes to the vegetable stand down the street to shop for a dinner planned with her roommate and friends.

Martha talks about her interests in music, in people, her friends and family mostly, and she mentions with excitement going home to Connecticut for Thanksgiving dinner.

She's not an unusual college student in interests and habits. But her stamina and independence are unusual. Martha has a disability. But it has never made her unable.

"I have a disability in that I'm not able to reach," she said.

"I know that I'm never going to be tall. I've never known what it is like to be five feet tall — it's very hard for me to conceive of what it would be like. Those who are born with a disease — well, you are with it all your life and you don't know the difference," she reflected.

Martha Leo was born with a bone problem which has inhibited her growth. She says that she was so fragile as a child that she couldn't get up enough energy to communicate before the age of seven. She spent a great deal of time in the hospital.

But the second of five children was surrounded by four brothers and a determined mother who instilled in her a spirit which is quite awesome. Her inability to reach hasn't lessened her ability to grasp.

"When I was six or seven, I realized that

I was not like those other kids. But then I realized I had other things to offer, like awareness," she says sitting at her kitchen table drinking coffee.

Martha is indeed aware. Her conversation is laced with dreams and wishes to support one friend and help another. She has a ministering spirit.

But because of her size, attempts are often made to minister to her. She accepts that help, when for example, she can't reach a product on the top shelf at the grocery store. Other times, help comes in the form of sympathy. She accepts that too, but only to make the person doing the offering feel better.

"A lot of people accept you in the form of pity. It's not worth feeling this way for

the same. From the time she was a teenager, Martha decided that she too would go to concerts and dances and plan for college and not let a height disability keep her sheltered from the things she really wanted to do.

"I want people to know that disabled people can get around," she states. "I don't have problems mixing with different kinds of people. My mother never said to me, 'I don't want you to go out because I'm afraid you'll get hurt.' From the time I was 20 years old, I was pushed out the door," she laughed. The push was of course, not actually a push. Martha is particularly close to her family and refers to them often with a great deal of affection.

Martha Leo is a junior at RIC majoring

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lot of things going for me.'*

me," she says. "I'm very lucky. I have a lot of things going for me."

Nevertheless, a man at the vegetable stand who was there delivering eggs offered her a dozen to take home. She graciously accepted.

It's better to react this way, she has rationalized. She likes people and she doesn't want anyone to feel uncomfortable.

Martha smiles and laughs often and talk rarely lingers on the mundane. Over coffee in the Student Union, she's apt to swing the conversation from a quick mention of the Rolling Stones to a mini — discourse on the importance of conducting social work in a hospital setting, which is her own career goal.

Being a handicapped woman in an athletically virile world could have shackled her. But the sight of her brothers going out and having fun made her want

in social welfare. She lives off campus, by choice, in an apartment that she found after several weeks of searching and being confronted with various kinds of reactions from landlords.

However, the man who rented her the apartment in which she now lives was particularly encouraging, she said, so she was able to leave behind her dorm room.

The rent is paid through her work-study job at the Office of Student Life. Help comes from her family as often as it can, but being from out of state, it certainly isn't a daily thing.

Walking around campus with Martha, obvious stares come from people taken back with her physical difference. Martha looks like a little girl with a woman's face. Long, long eyelashes, deep blue eyes and healthy blond hair. And the smile. Always

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## RIC to Receive Internat'l Year of Disabled Award

Rhode Island College has been selected from more than 200 local organizations in the state to receive a special International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) award.

Five other organizations have been cited and will also receive the award. They and the college were cited as having made "especially generous contributions of human or financial resources to the Rhode Island IYDP effort."

President David E. Sweet will accept on behalf of the college in ceremonies Dec. 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the Regan Health Service Center in the General Hospital, Cranston.

Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy, along with over 100 community leaders in the rehabilitation field, will be present, according to Edward J. Carley, co-chairman of the Rhode Island Governor's Committee for the IYDP.

Carley, in a letter to Sweet inviting him to the ceremony, noted that "Rhode Island has been recognized as one of the national leaders in pursuing the goals and mandates of the United Nation's resolutions for the observance of the IYDP."

Others receiving the special award are *The Providence Journal Bulletin*, the

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## Notes From Bernadette



By Bernadette V. Small

Wedding bells for Jane Hanoian! Jane is a recorder-adviser in the Office of Records. On Nov. 15, she was married to Donald Cimini.

She is the daughter of Sherry Hanoian who was formerly employed in the Office of Conferences.

We join together in wishing Jane and Donald the very best of everything in their future together.

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We are happy to know that Pat Giammarco, affirmative action officer, is recovering nicely after a brief recent visit to the hospital.

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(Note: Any items of a personal nature that you would like to publicize may be sent to the President's Office in care of Bernadette.)

## Deadline Today

Because of the holiday (Thanksgiving) Thursday, deadline for receipt of all material for *What's New(s)* at RIC for next week's edition is TODAY at 4:30 p.m. instead of Tuesday.



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# Deadline for Grants, Sponsored Projects Announced

Correction: The application deadline for HUMANITIES Projects in Media is DEC. 7, 1981, not JAN. 8, 1982.

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THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGES BOARD announces grants to American Teachers of Russian to participate in summer instruction sessions at Moscow State University. Thirty-five awards are available. The application deadline is JAN. 15, 1982.

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THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS Challenge Program awards grants to allow art institutions to strengthen artistic quality and financial position. All grantees must launch fund-raising campaigns, engage in long-range program planning, and use the grant to advance artistic quality and help stabilize the institution's financial

situation. College and universities should check their eligibility. Notice of intent to apply must be submitted by DEC. 1. In addition, the preliminary deadline for submitting Capitol Improvements grants is DEC. 15.

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THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION announces deadline dates for the following programs:

**Alternative Biological Resources** DEC. 1, 1981  
**History and Philosophy of Science** DEC. 1, 1981  
**Metabolic Biology** DEC. 1, 1981  
**Policy Research and Analysis** JAN. 1, 1982  
**Earth Sciences: Geology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, and Petrology** JAN. 1, 1982  
**Ethics and Values in Science and Technology** JAN. 4, 1982 for preliminary.

The TINKER FOUNDATION is award-

ing fellowships to post doctoral candidates who have received their Ph.D. no less than three or more than 10 years before application. The fellowships are granted to further understanding among peoples of the U.S. and Latin-America through research in the social sciences. A maximum of eight awards of \$14,000 will be made. The application deadline is JAN. 15, 1982.

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The NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION is soliciting proposals for the establishment and operation of one of 16 ERIC Clearinghouses. DEC. 11 is the deadline date.

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Please contact the Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects, Ext. 8228, for additional information on any of these programs.

## Focus on the Faculty and Staff

DR. MARY ANNAHAWKES, professor of sociology, was elected president of the Massachusetts Sociological Association at its annual fall meeting on Nov. 7 at Cape Cod Community College.

DR. PHILIP K. QUARCOO, associate professor of economics and management, presented a paper at the New England Business and Economic Association Conference on Nov. 5-6 in Woburn, Mass., entitled "A Flow of Funds Model of the Thrift Industry in New England and the Implications of the Depository Institutions Derogation and Monetary Control Act of 1980."

DR. JOHN EVANS, assistant professor in the department of counselor education, has been elected vice chairman of the Rhode Island Division of Vocational Rehabilitation advisory board.

DR. WILLIAM R. AHO, associate professor of sociology, participated in the

recent fall meeting of the Massachusetts Sociological Association in West Barnstable, Mass., where he discussed the use of poetry in teaching sociology, and discussed taped selections from the works of Langston Hughes and Robert Frost. Some 10 students from the Sociology Club attended the meetings as did Dr. Thomas W. Ramsbey, department chair, and Dr. Mary Ann Hawkes who was elected president of the association. Professor Ramsbey was elected to the nominating committee.

DR. BENNETT J. LOMBARDO, assistant professor of health and physical education, presented a paper entitled "The Importance of Teaching Basic Concepts in Physical Education" at the annual fall conference of the Rhode Island Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance on Nov. 7 at the Marriott Inn, Providence. Lombardo was

awarded a presidential citation in recognition of his efforts and service to the association as newsletter editor. About 150 professionals attended.

DR. ALBERT C. SALZBERG, associate professor of English, will deliver a paper entitled "The Wife of Bath as Fourteenth Century Woman" at the seventh annual Mid-Hudson Modern Language Association conference at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Professor Salzberg has recently published an article on literature and opera in *Opera News* and delivered a paper at the Medieval Conference of Plymouth State University in New Hampshire.

The Mid-Hudson MLA conference draws scholars from throughout the eastern half of the United States. Papers are read in all areas of English, American and European literatures during the conference.

## Letters to the Editor

Nov. 10, 1981

Dear Editor:

In your Oct. 26 issue of *What's New(s)* at RIC I was overjoyed to see your article on the Women's Soccer Club.

It was a well done pictorial description of our program. I know our team was very appreciative of your effort to promote the program.

Again, many thanks for the wonderful job. Please share our appreciation with your staff.

Sincerely,

John Taylor

Department of Recreation

Nov. 13, 1981

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the executive committee of the Rhode Island Association for Behavior-

ally Disordered Children, I would like to express my appreciation for your assistance in publicizing our first statewide conference on behavioral disorders, held at Rhode Island College, Saturday, Nov. 7.

We had a successful conference and shared a lot of valuable information with over 100 parents, teachers, social workers, school administrators, and school psychologists.

Your support was instrumental in sharing our message and Rhode Island College's co-sponsorship with the Rhode Island Community.

Sincerely,

Steve C. Imber, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
of Special Education/  
President, RIABDC

## ★ AWARDS

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Children's Museum of Rhode Island, the Governor's Citizen Information Service, the City of Warwick, and the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities.

The awards are being presented by the Governor's Committee for the IYDP.

Events in 1981 which the college has sponsored or promoted include the appearance of the Rev. Ralph Showers and Dr. Harold Wilkes in February to present programs for the college and community on the disabled; a trip in March to Connecticut by handicapped students to attend the Elizabeth Kubler-Ross seminar on Death and Dying; a one week class for both handicapped and non-handicapped on Prudence Island where they conducted a summer workshop in August on "Counseling with the Handicapped;" and presentation of the "Kids on the Block" puppet show in September concerning those with disabilities.

## Receives Surprise Award

Dr. David E. Sweet, Rhode Island College president, was the surprise recipient of a special Providence Chamber of Commerce Award Wednesday in ceremonies at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel.

He and Robert Kline, president of People's Bank, were given honorary program degrees for their service to the chamber and its Leadership Greater Providence program.

Each also received a plaque.

The recognition was given at graduation ceremonies for 38 men and women from various sectors of society, including bank vice presidents, teachers and ministers, who completed a nine month program of study of various issues of community concern.

Those selected to participate in the program — identified as leaders or potential leaders — examined such issues

as the delivery of human services in the Reagan era and the criminal justice system in the state.

Sweet, chairman of the program curriculum committee, and Kline, chairman of the leadership program, served as advisors/coordinators and were recognized "for all their contributions to the program," according to Kathy Waste, vice president of communications for the chamber.

She said the men and women receiving degrees were members of the first class of what is planned to be an on-going program.

The program specifically seeks to identify emerging leaders and get them knowledgeable about different issues that affect the state, said Waste.

During its first session the class met at various sites around the state, including RIC.



David E. Sweet



# Outlet's Sundlun to Speak to Econ/Management Students

Bruce Sundlun, president and chief executive officer of the Outlet Company, will help the RIC Department of Economics and Management kick off its new "Visiting Executives Program" with a talk to students next Monday.

Marilyn Weston said that while Sundlun's talk will be primarily for students of economics and management all RIC students are welcome. Time of the talk will be 4 to 6 p.m. in Clark Science 128.

Sundlun's visit was arranged through John W. Speer, college controller/treasurer, who is currently teaching a course in management as an adjunct professor, said Weston.

In addition to his duties as president of the Outlet in Providence, his business affiliations include management of 72 retail stores in New England and Washington, D.C., operations of five television stations, including WJAR-TV in Providence, six radio stations including WSNE-FM in Taunton-Providence, and chairman of the board of Executive Jet Aviation, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio.

He was appointed in 1963 as an incorporator of the Communications

Satellite Corporation by President Kennedy.

Other extensive business and community activities both past and present, include a directorship of Quest Research Corporation in Virginia and Worthington Industries in Ohio, president of the Ocean State Performing Arts Center, director of the Trinity Square Repertory Theater, and member of an advisory group on national aviation goals and member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Weston said the Visiting Executives Program's purpose was to bring in top level executives to the college to interact with students and to bring our students to their attention.

She said they hope to have about two visiting executives per semester.

Such a program could be a forerunner of an "executive-in-residence" program that some colleges and universities have, said Weston.

Speer noted that Sundlun's experience with large corporations in a wide variety of managerial positions and his insight to the challenges and problems of management "will be an invaluable contribution to the college and the community."

## Thefts Reported On RIC Campus

A stereo, theatre tickets, a jacket, keys and a purse were reported missing from various buildings on the Rhode Island College campus between last Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

According to security and safety director Richard M. Comerford, an office at the Henry Barnard School was also ransacked during this time period, but nothing was reported missing.

Also at the Henry Barnard School, a purse was reported missing from a school fair which was being held Monday night. A suspicious person has been reported in relation to this incident.

The stereo and theatre tickets were reportedly taken from Craig-Lee sometime between Monday night and Tuesday morning. No forced entry was reported.

A set of keys and a jacket were listed as missing from Alger as well as a purse.

Comerford said he cannot yet tell if the incidents are related.

## On Radio

RIC Prof. Robert Viens was featured on radio station WEAN's "Mid-Day Magazine" last Thursday regarding the Great American Smoke-Out.

Viens was interviewed via telephone from Tennessee where he was attending a physics conference.

He, along with several of his students, had started a campaign to quit smoking as reported in the Nov. 16 issue of *What's New(s)* at RIC in a feature article by Arline Aissis Fleming.

That same article prompted Channel 12 (WPRI) to contact *What's New(s)* for an interview with Viens which proved impractical due his being out of state.

## Show Film

"War Without Winners," a film on nuclear war, will be presented in the RIC Student Union Ballroom on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 12:30 p.m.

A discussion will follow. It is open to all.



**HIGH TIDE AT CRAIG LEE:** Water gushed into the basement level of Craig Lee Hall after a water main broke nearby. Water rose to a level of over three feet before being turned off.

(What's New(s) Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

## Water Main Breaks

By Mark D. Poirier

A broken water main caused the evacuation of Craig Lee Hall early Friday afternoon, Nov. 13.

All water service was temporarily cut off to the campus, and Craig Lee and Alger Halls were without electricity.

The break reportedly occurred at an excavation site adjacent to Craig Lee while workmen were attempting to fix a water heating line.

Water gushed into the basement level of Craig Lee and flooded the complex of offices there with three feet of water within minutes.

Some water damage was sustained by files and office equipment. As of last Monday morning telephone service had not been restored.

Gas company and water department officials responded as did Providence and North Providence fire departments. Campus security and safety department and physical plant responded as well.

There was reportedly some concern at first that there may have been a gas leak also, but this proved to be fumes from oil which had spilled from one of the furnaces.

The cut-off of water service forced some minor menu changes at Donovan Dining Center that evening.



**ALMOST 200 RIC STUDENTS** showed up to watch the soap opera "General Hospital" in the Student Union's Video Den last week to celebrate the on-screen nuptials of characters Luke and Laura. Streamers, confetti, cake and punch were all part of the celebration.

(What's New(s) Photo by Diane Bricault)

## A 'Soapy' Trend at RIC

By Arline Aissis Fleming

It looks as if fairytale romance has come back in style on college campuses.

On two rainy afternoons at RIC, when many students might be sneaking in a late afternoon nap before dinner or catching up on some last-minute schoolwork, almost 200 of them sniffled, screamed, sighed and squeezed before the television screen in the Student Union's Video Den.

Lucas Lorenzo Spencer, the Paul McCartney of the 1980's, and Laura Webber Baldwin, his dewy-eyed Cinderella, were married on television's most popular soap opera, "General Hospital."

So excited were the RIC students about the nuptials that they got together their own wedding buffet of cake, cookies, pink punch, multi-colored streamers and crepe paper wedding bells.

As they threw rice in the air and wiped tears from their eyes, television cameras from Channels 6 and 12 and a reporter and photographer from the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, recorded their reactions and their football-game style cheers.

This is a national trend; this adulation of "General Hospital," and RIC students are keeping right up with the latest in media heroes. Since this segment of "General Hospital" was expected to attract the most television viewers in tube history, (even more than the "Who-shot-J.R." episode from "Dallas,") it can be assumed that college students across the country were doing exactly the same. But perhaps not with as much style and as much humor as they did at RIC.

The secluded downstairs Video Den was gayly decorated for the two-day wedding ceremony and cookies and cake were

there for all, (paid for with profits from the Video Den, said Alan Chille, operations manager of the Student Union).

"We usually have 50 or 60 kids in here on an ordinary afternoon watching "General Hospital," he said.

And if their long-awaited nuptials weren't enough, actress Elizabeth Taylor somehow agreed to get in on the act. She was filmed for five episodes—quite a coup for GH producers — and quite a treat for viewers. Though she spoke only 10 words on Tuesday's infamous episode, the college crowd screamed for "Quiet" on the Video Den set and a hush spread over the room when her violet eyes appeared on the screen. The crowd was predominantly female, but there was a good number of men watching as Luke shouted his "Yahoo!" after the vows were exchanged. Indeed, there surely has never been a more jubilant bridegroom. Lucas Lorenzo Spencer couldn't be dragged to the altar.

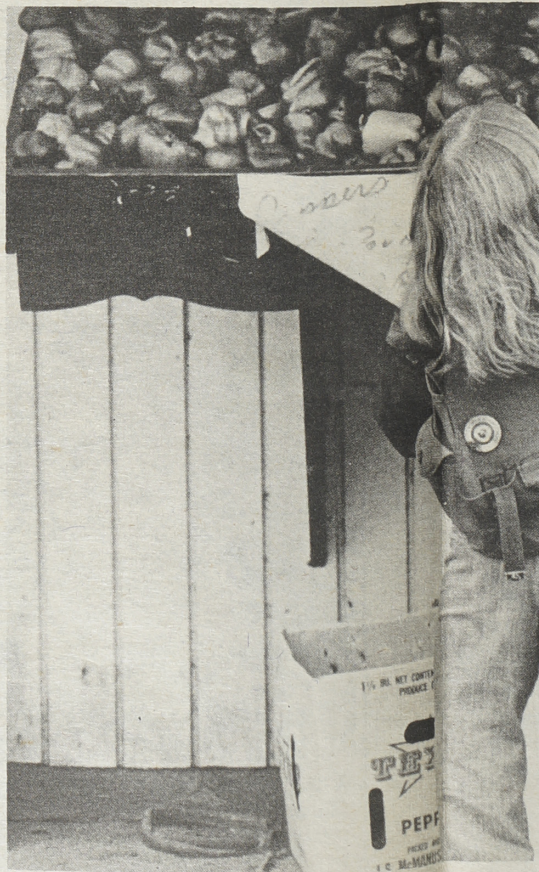
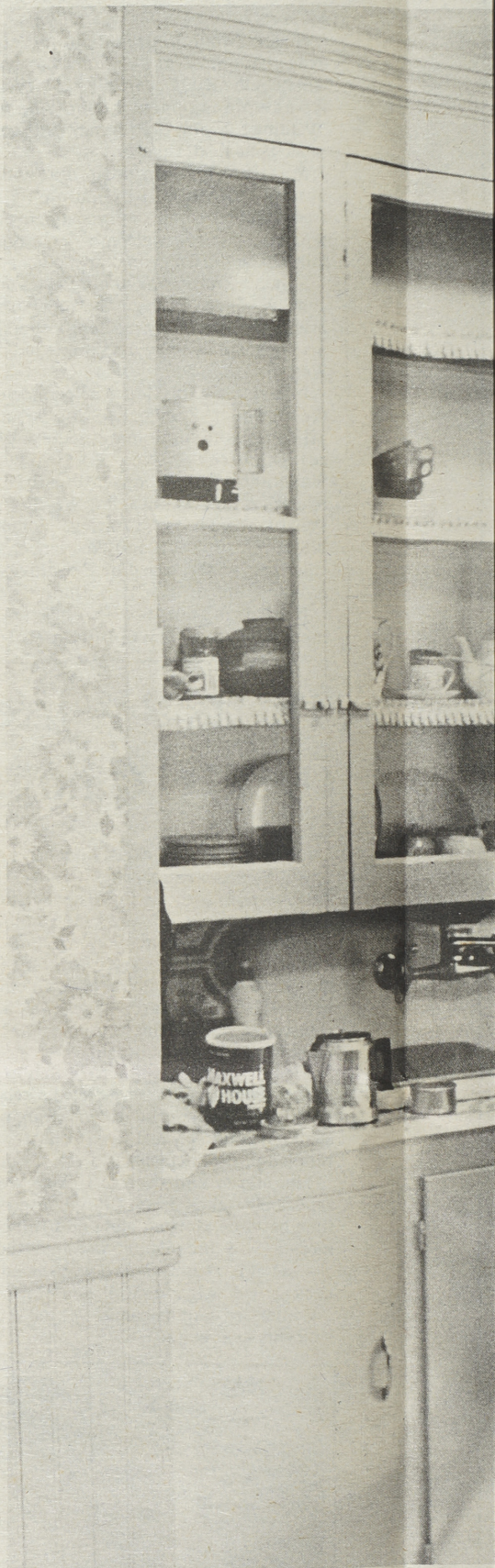
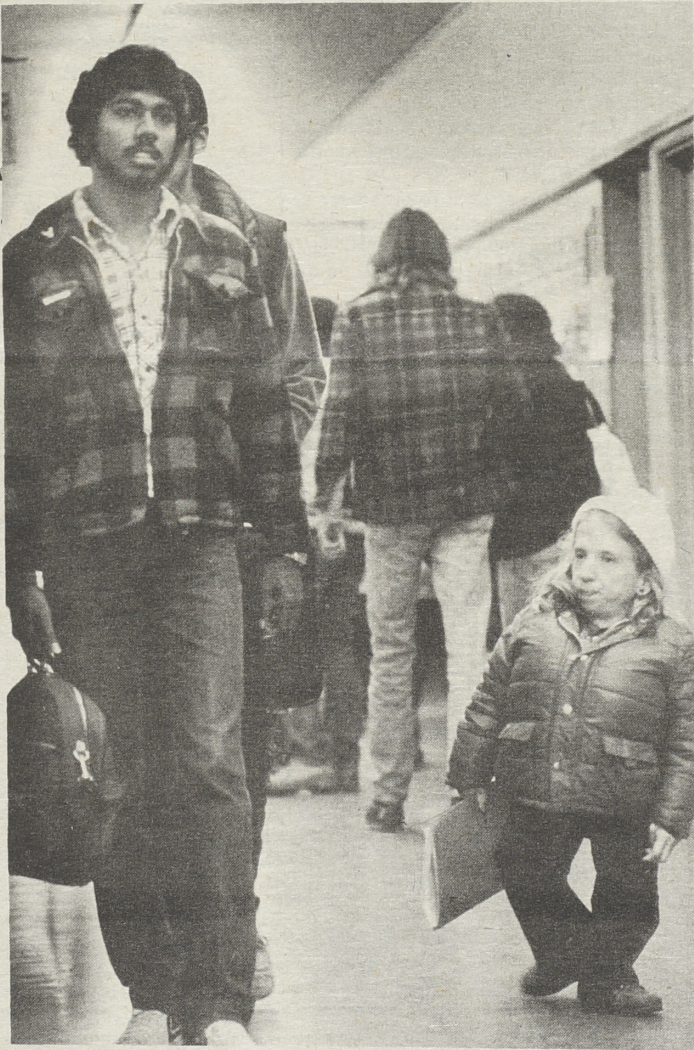
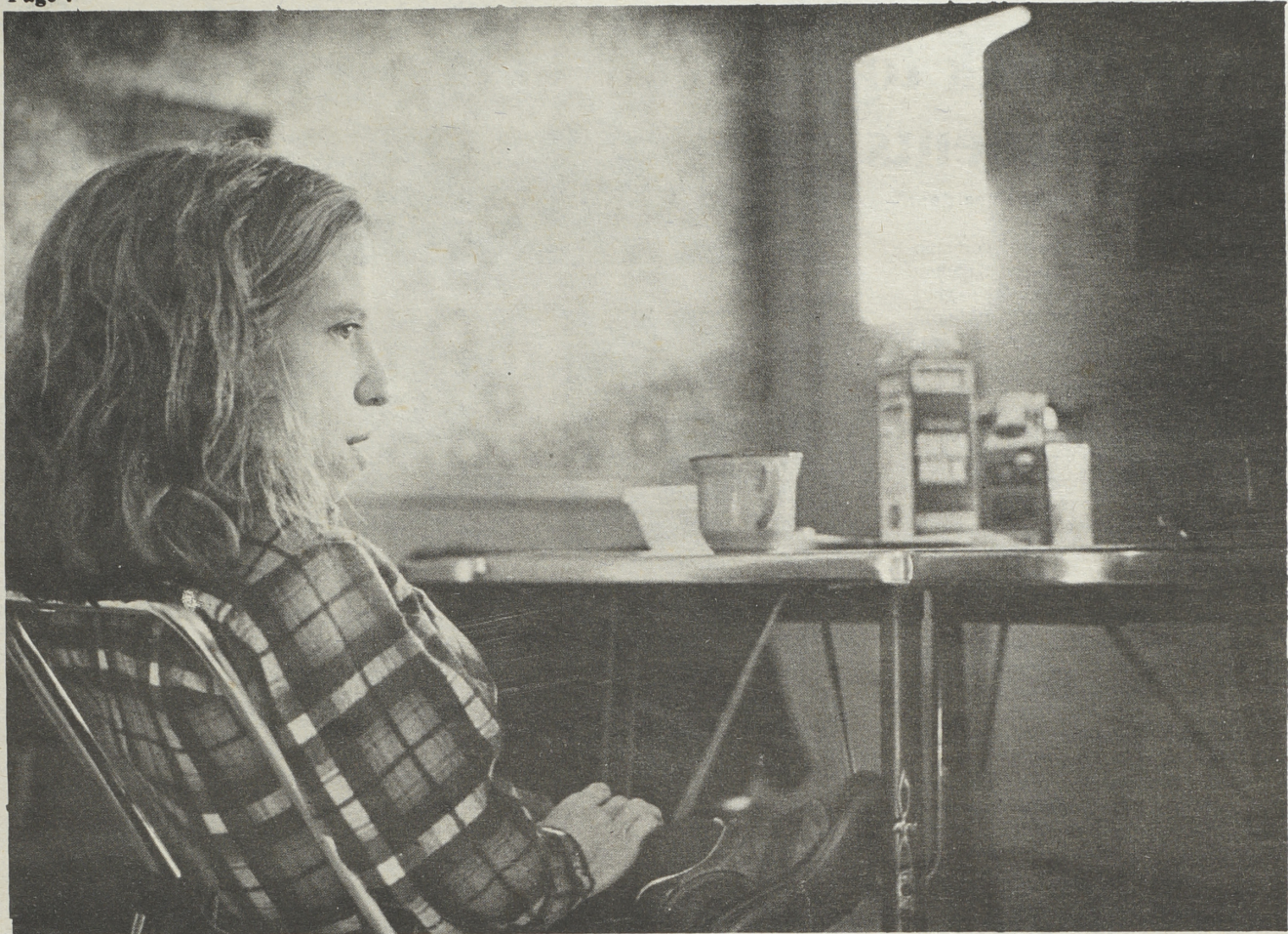
The suave Joe Kelley earned a few sighs from the crowd as did the handsome Dr. Noah Drake and the sly Robert Scorpio. Joined up with Luke, they are undoubtedly TV's most popular quartet.

The entire scene in the Video Den was reminiscent of a past generation who cried and sighed and screamed and yelled for a musical foursome from Liverpool. "Love is all you need," they told the crowd from the 1960's.

Luke and Laura showed the 1980's group that love is, in fact, all you need. And all 200 viewers wanted desperately to believe that it was true—and that fairytale-love really does exist.

That trendy pendulum seems to be swinging back toward the direction of Camelot.





**WHAT'S NEW(s) Photos**  
by  
**Peter P. Tobia**

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the smile.

It's also obvious that she has made a lot of friends on campus, judging from the number of "hellos" she collects along the way.

She's standing in line at the campus bank waiting to cash her work-study check. The earned money will help buy a new pair of shoes and perhaps a book. "Maybe I'll get *Towards the Psychology of Being*, she says. She looks out towards the lobby at the clothing being sold by a vendor there and says she'd enjoy a sweater like the one hanging up, but finding one to fit is always a problem.

The bank counter is high. A girl standing behind Martha offers to hand her check to the teller. She waits and then hands Martha her money. It was a quick transaction. Martha isn't bothered by her request for help. People look on from the queue.

"I don't often notice the stares, or else, I just ignore them," she said. "But there are times when I'm definitely aware of it. I get resentful. Sometimes kids ask me, 'Why are you so small?' And I say, 'Because God

made me small,' " she smiles.

Martha feels that sometimes "people tend to look at small people as comical. As circus freaks," she says without bitterness. Those are the people who are perhaps uncomfortable with her size. Those that look deeper, those who see beyond the physical differences find that Martha's disability becomes less and less noticeable as the conversation continues.

She's pushing a step-ladder around her kitchen, pouring coffee into cups for company. A long cord for the overhead light and the step-ladder are her only noticeable aids. In the bedroom, pictures of her favorite people adorn the wall: Her mother, her friends. There are scenic photos and the usual concrete blocks to use as bookshelves for last year's textbooks.

"I have no fears of taking care of myself," she said. Martha has held several jobs, among them a position with the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Travel is mainly by bus, to the campus, to the city for shopping and socializing. Often she catches a ride with a friend. And sometimes, like on this beautiful autumn day, getting around from job to campus to

her apartment is tiring. It all gets her down, a feeling college students are apt to often experience.

"I'd rather be out working, helping people. Sometimes school is overwhelming," she sighs. "But I try to live day to day," she retorts. "This morning, for example, I opened the door and the air smelled so good. Now, that's living," she smiled.

Sipping her coffee, she took long, careful pauses between thoughts on herself before saying what she truly wanted to say.

"Acceptance. I want people to accept me for who I am and not because I'm a dwarf or I'm little," she confides.

"I've been lucky. I'm healthy. I just think of myself as Martha, a person who enjoys people. I like doing things. I like music. I like adventure."

Getting through four years of college is difficult: There's academic worries, there's social changes.

Martha Leo could add one more thing to the difficulty of obtaining a diploma. But she's not one to dwell on her problems. She'd rather smell the fresh air, think about a possible trip south to visit her brother during semester break, and look for a life filled with adventure rather than one filled with barriers.



# a Leo: An Independent Spirit





## Other Voices

# The Monument

By Vincent Marino

*(Editor's Note: The author of this article has more than one reason to be bitter. In addition to his experiences as outlined below, he is now physically handicapped due to a job-related accident that occurred after his tour of duty in Vietnam. His complete lack of bitterness or cynicism and apparent writing ability were recently revealed to his fellow students in an evening newswriting course being given this semester at RIC. We are pleased to be able to share this insight into the Vietnam war and into the character of a compassionate young man.)*

The monument is very impressive looking, black marble glistening in the shining sun. It is a most appropriate color for a memorial to dead soldiers.

Last Saturday morning, I was walking near the Civic Center, spending time waiting for a bus. Having recently read of a new War Memorial, I went to look at it.

Ten columns in a circle carry the names of our fallen G.I.'s. Vietnam and Korea use up two columns. World War II takes up the space remaining in the next eight columns.

I read down the list of names of guys killed in Vietnam.

The first name was that of a guy I had worked with long ago. It was then that I found Sivo's name missing. It should have been there. I know. I was with him when he was killed.

For the story's sake, we must go back about 13 years.

I was processing into Fort Polk, site of one of the Army's infantry training centers for Vietnam-bound soldiers.

While in a building doing paperwork I met Anthony Sivo, childhood friend and neighbor.

It must have been destiny that brought us together.

We trained together for eight weeks, received identical orders for shipment to Vietnam, went home on a bittersweet leave, and then flew to Southeast Asia.

We landed at Cam Ran Bay, very apprehensive and scared.

The change in climate played tricks with our bodies. After about a week of orientation, we were both assigned to the 9th Infantry Division stationed south of Saigon in the Meekong Delta.

We thought we had lucked out. How wrong we were.

We stayed in a small camp in Saigon a few days, affording us our first and last chance to see a Vietnamese city. From here, we went from bad to worse.

Our next stop was Dong Tam, division base camp (headquarters).

We were more attuned to life in Nam, and both assigned to the same company, Alpha, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry or the "Screaming Blue Eagles."

We hardly felt like that.

We were also introduced to the earth-trembling, deafening roar of out-going artillery.

We next stopped at a small place called Ra Kein. Little by little, we were becoming more removed from the world as we knew it.

We finally stopped at French Fort, a beautiful, old place built by the Foreign Legion in the earlier part of the century.

Too bad our company moved out about two weeks later.

Our next home was a firebase that didn't even have a name. We had finally arrived in the middle of the war.

I can't comment on it except to say that it meant safe ground to us. It was located a stone's throw from the infamous Highway 4, the main north-south road in the delta. Our job was to keep this area secure and the highway, a vital link in the war, open.

We saw more combat there than I care to remember - against men, women and children. A very gruesome place, indeed. Our last patrol together was on July 24, 1968. I guess I never will forget it. Something like that stays burned into one's memory.

We had a new commanding officer that day. Green as they come.

Our mission was search-and-destroy in which we did what the name implies.

Ours was the "point" or lead platoon all morning. We had reached our final objective by noon. Instead of going back, we went ahead. But not very far.

Our platoon was point again. We went about 100 feet when we came across a deep, swift moving river; not typical of Vietnam.

Our scout (ex-V.C.) informed us the area was "#10," or, **no good**. In a few moments there was a loud Bang! I felt the stinging of hundreds of pieces of metal.

"We're hit!" I yelled into my radio.

Then I looked at myself, afraid of what I would find.

To my great relief, I found the "metal" had been merely mud, and I was still alive and not badly hurt.

A "dustoff" (medical evacuation helicopter) then flew us back to base camp. Anthony died and about eight guys were wounded, some seriously. I escaped a major wound, somehow.

A few days later, with special orders, I left Vietnam with Anthony's body. I escorted him back to the U.S. via California and New York.

He was given a military funeral with all the trimmings.

I have been discharged from the service for a long time now, and this is all an old, bad memory.

Still, it got to me when I didn't find the name of Anthony J. Sivo on the monument.







## Holiday 'Gift'

Words such as "up-lifting" and "exhilarating" were used to describe RIC's "Holiday Gift to the Community" last year as Edward Markward (above) led the RIC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Handel's *Messiah* before a capacity audience at the Ocean State Performing Arts Center.

This year's gift performance will be Dec. 7 also at the Ocean State with the RIC Symphony and Chorus plus The Barrington Boys' Choir.

Again, it will be free.

A gala reception will follow at the J. Joseph Garrahy Judicial Complex. Tickets for the reception are \$4 and are now available at Kathryn Sasso's office in the Advancement and Support Center. There is no limit to attendance.



## Chamber Singers Set First Concert

The Rhode Island College Chamber Singers and Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Edward Markward, will present their first concert of the season on Monday, Nov. 30, at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium.

The free concert is open to the public.

The Chamber Singers will also be performing with the Providence Opera Theatre on Dec. 5 when they present "Aida."

On Dec. 7, the group will participate in RIC's annual "Holiday Gift to the Community" at the Ocean State Performing Arts Center.

The musical selections planned for the 30th are "Das Neugeborne Kindelein" by Buxtehude, "Concerto in G. Minor for

Oboe and Strings," by Handel, "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham and Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols."

Delight Immonen will be the featured oboist in the Handel piece and Anne-Marguerite Michaud will serve as harpist for the Britten piece.

The Chamber Singers were featured last August in the National Association of Music Clubs national convention. They have been selected to perform at two major events this season: On Feb. 20, they will give a concert at the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Convention at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence; and they have been invited to perform at the 1982 World's Fair on June 13, in Knoxville, Tenn.

## Students Film Documentary On Author H. P. Lovecraft

H.P. Lovecraft, the Providence-born fantasy writer, is the subject of a film being produced by a group of RIC students in a workshop from the department of communications.

The students traveled to New York City recently to interview Lovecraft's contemporary and friend, Frank Belknap Long. Filming also took place on Providence's East Side where the author spent many years living and working.

The project, which is being directed by Fred C. Lamer, an instructor of communications and theatre, has been underway since last summer. Mr. Lamer says that he hopes to circulate the documentary to schools and colleges for viewing. A local television station has also shown interest in it, he said.

Included in the film is an interview with Brown University professor Barton St. Armand, a Lovecraft expert. St. Armand said that the film would be the only one of its kind in existence.

Lovecraft's fantasy and science fiction writings have recently enjoyed a surge of popularity among Americans, though he has been popular in Europe for many years.

The 10 students in the workshop researched, wrote, filmed, recorded and edited the 15-minute documentary.

The film will be previewed at RIC's Faculty Center on Dec. 15, Professor Lamer said. Interest in it has also been expressed by the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Providence Athenaeum, he said.



**ON LOCATION:** Film students from a Rhode Island College workshop traveled to New York recently to interview Frank Belknap Long, one of the few surviving friends of author H. P. Lovecraft, the subject of their documentary.

## Calendar of Events

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### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Pre-registration For Nursing Majors.* Fogarty Life Sciences, Room 137.

7-8:30 p.m. *Student Council For Exceptional Children Arts and Crafts Program.* Student Union, Gamesroom.

7:30-9:30 p.m. *Quit Smoking Clinic.* Session 5. "The New You", Student Union, Lounge F.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

12-1 p.m. *Women's Center Meeting.* Student Union, Room 310.

12-1 *Exercise Class.* Walsh Gym, Recreation Room.

12-1:30 p.m. *Programming Meeting.* Student Union, Lounge F.

12-2 p.m. *Workshop for Students Undecided on Major.* Craig Lee Hall, Room 052.

12-2 p.m. *Finance Commission Meeting.* Student Union Chambers.

1-2 p.m. *Jewish Students and Faculty Meeting.* Student Union, Room 304.

7:30 p.m. *Patterns in Relationships Workshop.* Final Workshop. Student Union Ballroom. (Week 7)

8 p.m. *Nikolais Dance Theatre.* This will be its only New England appearance. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$3.50 for RIC students and are available at the box office. Roberts Hall Auditorium.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

*Happy Thanksgiving.*

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

*Thanksgiving Recess.*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

10 a.m. *Sunday Mass.* Student Union, Ballroom.

7 p.m. *Sunday Evening Mass.* Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.

7-9 p.m. *Kappa Delta Phi Meeting.* student Union Chambers.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4-6 p.m. *RIC Department of Economics and Management Visiting Executive Program.* Featuring Bruce Sundlun, president and chief executive officer of the Outlet Company. Call for more information. 456-8036. Clarke Science, Room 128.

7-8:30 p.m. *Student Council For Exceptional Children Arts and Crafts Program.* Student Union Gamesroom.

7:30-9:30 p.m. *Quit Smoking Clinic.* "Staying Off" (Week 6). Student Union, Lounge F.

8:15 p.m. *RIC Chamber Singers and Orchestra,* Roberts Hall Auditorium.